

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

### *Status of Claims*

Claims 1-57, 72-73, 76-77, 81-83, 86, 89, 100-101, and 111-112 have been canceled.

Claims 58-60, 62-67, 70, 74, 78, 84, 88, 90-99, and 102-110 have been amended.

New claims 113-115 have been added.

As such, claims 58-71, 74-75, 78-80, 84-85, 87-88, 90-99, 102-110, and 113-115 are currently pending in this application.

Applicants hereby request further examination and reconsideration of the presently claimed application.

### *Claim Objections*

Claim 78 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the objection.

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 78-80 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the claimed objection and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and such claims have been rewritten accordingly and are now allowable.

Applicants further note with appreciation that claims 74-75, 84-85 and 87 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and such claims have been rewritten in independent form and are now allowable.

Applicants have added new claims 113-115, which depend from allowable claims and thus are likewise allowable.

Applicants have further amended all remaining claims to depend from one of the foregoing allowable claims. Thus, all remaining claims are now allowable.

### CONCLUSION

Consideration of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application, and withdrawal of the rejections and objections is respectfully requested by Applicants. No new matter is introduced by way of the amendment. It is believed that each ground of rejection raised in the Office Action dated December 15, 2005 has been fully addressed. If any fee is due as a result of the filing of this paper, please appropriately charge such fee to Deposit Account Number 50-1515 of Conley Rose, P.C., Texas. If a petition for extension of time is necessary in order for this paper to be deemed timely filed, please consider this a petition therefore.

If a telephone conference would facilitate the resolution of any issue or expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

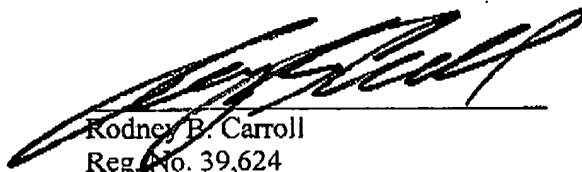
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